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Flag Day Celebrated At Military Camp

Special Musical Program by the
26th Infantry Band, Vocal Music
and Address by Mrs. O'Neill

Flag Day was celebrated at the Base with appropriate service, under the able direction of Chaplain Hillman assisted by the 24th Infantry Band and members of the Rowell Battery New Mexico Guards, last Wednesday night.

It is rather significant of the busy lives that our officers and the soldiers of the Army live these strenuous days, that although the proclamation calling for National observance of the birthday of the flag emanated from the Commander in Chief of the Army, President Woodrow Wilson, the army was too busy to declare a holiday to obey the command. But after the day's work was ended, all the men seemingly, at Columbus, gathered about the stand and listened to the music and the reading of the proclamation and to a brief address from Jean Cabell O'Neill who told of some of the adventures of a newspaper woman in the western War Zone.

The music programme which was beautifully given, included "Hail Columbia," "Red White and Blue," "Hail to the Chief," "Maryland My Maryland," "America," and the "Star Spangled Banner," the Wagnerian arrangement of the latter was brilliantly rendered by the 24th Infantry band under the direction of Principal Musician Thomas E. Green, who rehearsed his men all day so as to have this most difficult selection up to high mark set by the composer.

Chaplain Hillman, to who is due the credit of the whole entertainment, offered a prayer for the country, the soldiers, the officers and the Government, that God would continue to guide them to the best protection of the weak, and the brave defense of the flag which symbolizes all that is dearest to the American heart.

The vocal quartette of the battery gave the "Soldier's Farewell," most touchingly, and if the audience had been encouraged in their desires for encores the obliging and talented members of the National Guard would have been singing yet. The members of the quartette who so materially added to the pleasure of the celebration, are E. Oldham Moore; Walter Greenfield; Chester Bonner, and 1st Lt. James C. Hamilton.

E. Oldham Moore, who had a

Columbus Still Booming

The building boom in Columbus still continues. Contractors have jobs for weeks ahead and are working overtime. Every body seems to be enjoying prosperity and those who have been wanting to get away from Columbus for so long a time have settled down to business and are well contented. Columbus is rapidly growing and is soon to take first place among the cities of the state.

pure tenor voice gave in addition to the quartette work a solo rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner," the band joining in the refrain. Not only was it delightful to hear this patriotic song given so clearly that the words could be followed, but it is refreshing to find someone in this broad land who really knows the words of this great est of National airs.

Mrs. O'Neill spoke, in place of Rt. Rev. P. B. Howden, D. D., of New Mexico, who had been scheduled to take part in the Flag Day celebration, but who is promised for an address near the Fourth of July if his many engagements permit.

Chaplain Hillman in introducing, as he said, "the correspondent of the two most important of the New York dailies, the New York Telegraph and the Brooklyn Eagle," declared that Mrs. O'Neill was a fitting choice for a speaker on Flag Day, for not only had she the honor of being daughter to a very brilliant naval officer who served the flag for a quarter of a century, but that every man of her line for six generations of American history had borne a commission in either the army or navy—and that as Mrs. O'Neill herself could not follow the flag, she was giving her time to telling the Public fine things about the men who were enlisted under the Stars and Stripes.

Mrs. O'Neill spoke briefly, and was listened to with profound attention as she told of the fine things that come out of the furnace of war. That horrible as is machine made warfare, honor and devotion and self-forgetting was the gold that shown in the life of the soldier who did his part in battle, and that her observation of war in many countries and as fought by many men was it became a glorious and well worth while thing, when it was for love of country.

Mrs. O'Neill reminded her hearers that "they also serve who only stand and wait," and that it was hard on the spirit of the soldiers to be so near to war without having a chance to fight, it was as much service to the flag to wait orders patiently, as to rush into the fray.

Trustees Hold Important Meeting

The city dads held a special meeting Tuesday evening and another Wednesday evening for the purpose of making some arrangement to supply the city with a sufficient supply of water.

Plans have been drawn up for a large tank and tower at the new city well and the "fathers" are now receiving bids for the erection of the same. The tower is to be thirty feet high, and the top of the tank will be forty-five feet, which should give ample pressure for any part of town.

The city has outgrown the old well and at this time the plan does not begin to furnish the necessary amount of water. Construction work is being held up now on several buildings on account of water, but we are hopeful that this will not be the case long, and the trustees believe that they will have the new system in operation by the first of July.

Election Bet Settled

A contract was entered into between Buck Chadborne and A. J. Evans, local agent for the Ford car, to the effect that if a certain candidate was unimpaired at the primaries, Chadborne was to buy a car. The candidate was nominated alright, but evidently Buck had forgotten all about the contract. He went to Deming to attend the hanging bee and when he returned home he found a new fiver in his yard. Upon questioning his family he learned that the car was a permanent fixture in the Chadborne family. When he met Evans he was reminded of the contract entered into before the election. He made no comment but took out the old check book and completed the other details of the transaction.

Business Enterprises Needed

A man stated to the Courier a few days ago that we had enough business enterprises here now. Yes, in some lines we have but there are several things Columbus needs and would support that would realize the owner a good profit. One thing we need at this time is an ice plant. A bottling works would find a large demand for their products. A first class bakery would have plenty to do if they supplied the local markets. Many other business enterprises would have a field to themselves.

Merry-Go-Round

There will be a large steam merry-go-round in town. Will open not later than the 17th. Come and bring your friends or children and have a good time. Tickets will cost 5 cents.

Found Villa Litter

A rude litter, made of yucca plant poles and made together at the ends with iron hoops taken off a barrel, was found on the east side of the middle peak of the Tres Hermanas Wednesday by W. J. Homes, William Albee and J. L. Hoghland, who were at the time the litter was found, trying to locate an old prospect hole.

They were attracted to a recently vacated camp and noting that evidently someone had been living on canned goods for quite awhile, began to look around for some clue as to who would have camped at such a spot. The stretcher was found only a few feet from the camp and the only explanation so far advanced is that one of the wounded officers on the morning of March 9th was carried out. Mr. Homes thinks it was a Carranzista officer and that they knew this would be the only means of getting the wounded man away without detection.

Big Boxing Event.

Tuesday, June 20th, the Air dome will be the theater of what will probably be a series of interesting events in sporting circles.

Three ten round bouts are scheduled for the evening, the main event being the meeting of Jack Arnold, of Deming with Kid Logan of the 24th Inf. The contestants will weigh in at 120 pounds.

Semi-Finals will be John Thomas, of Deming vs. Soldier Tripple of the Tenth Cavalry, 170 pounds, this will probably be "some bout."

And for the preliminary, Jim Wilson of El Paso, against Jack McDaniel of the 24th Inf; both 160 pounds.

An agreeable feature of the evening will be the attendance of the 24th Inf. Band. A full house is a foregone conclusion.

Picnic Dinner

Mrs. Carl Hoppe invites Ladies Aid and All friends to a picnic dinner at her home seven miles west of Columbus on Wednesday June 21st.

Start early and enjoy a full day at this beautiful ranch home.

E. C. West, a former resident of the Lower Mimbres, was here Tuesday and Wednesday for a visit.

J. R. Blair is building a good business house between the real estate office and postoffice, which he will offer for rent when completed.

Mrs. A. G. Bailenger, who had been visiting at her old home at Tucumcari, New Mexico, since the raid, returned home Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Hoppe will entertain the Ladies Aid at a picnic luncheon at her home Wednesday June 21st.

Mrs. S. Barbee stopped over for one day to see her daughter Mrs. R. W. Elliott, enroute from California to Missouri, where she was hastening to the bedside of a daughter who is seriously ill.

W. D. Gent, with the Remington Typewriter Company, was in town first of the week and sold two large machines to the postmaster for use in the office.

Mrs. J. L. Greenwood left Monday for Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco and other points on the Pacific coast, where she will remain several weeks.

Cantonment Model U. S. Army Hospital

Preparedness in Medical Branch of
Army Just as Much Important
as in the Fighting Branches

A Red Cross flag hovering over the cantonment hospital at the base of the punitive expedition here, is one of the comforting sights that greets a soldier returning from the heart breaking trip across the desert wastes of northern Chihuahua. This flag flutters in the breeze beside the Stars and Stripes and spells to him medical attention, a clean bed and strengthening food. Not a few soldiers stricken with illness contracted in the relentless drive of the American troops over the withering sands and the chilling mountain peaks have described the rough wooden building as a paradise.

Twelve weeks ago there was in course of construction a rough frame building intended to be divided into a number of sets of "quarters" for the officers of the 13th cavalry stationed in the border town of Columbus, New Mexico. In a few hours this town sprung into international importance after the raid of the Villistas; and immediately, under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Euclid B. Frick, this partially finished wooden shed, for it was little more, was converted into a cantonment hospital. In reality a "shoestring affair," but today complete in every detail, as far as the needs of the sick or the wounded soldier is concerned.

The general ward for the men is supplemented by the hospital tents which are used for the less seriously ill. There are also isolation tents, for even in the short time of occupation there have been several "catching" diseases which have been treated successfully without any spread of contagion. There is a ward for officers, containing three beds, and these are always full, for the officers are not sparing themselves in this expedition and suffer accordingly.

The cantonment hospital is really a clearing house for the sick for unless there is a fair chance of the patient being up and ready for service in a short time he is carefully sent by train to Ft. Bliss about sixty-eight miles distant for further treatment in the Hospital there or in exceptional cases to Fort Sam Houston. Pullman sleeping car accommodation is being furnished to all seriously ill always excepting any patient whose condition is too precarious to bear transportation, in which case the sick or wounded soldier is kept at the cantonment hospital indefinitely.

Organization of Civic League.

All women interested in the betterment of Columbus, and the beautifying and making the town worthy of its place in public affairs are earnestly invited to meet at the M E Church Friday June 23 with a view to the formation of a Woman's Civic League. Dues will be very small, but it is desired that the League shall be thoroughly representative of the best element of women living here, so that by co operation the town will be more sanitary, and more desirable as a residence for all.

Three p. m. is the hour chosen as most convenient, and least conflicting with other appointments.

There have, within the six weeks of establishment, been more than six hundred patients treated here. The daily average is hard to strike, but there have been as many as seventy patients under treatment at one time, and on one occasion forty new cases were admitted within twenty-four hours. All receive expert attention, and practically none have died. A rather brilliant achievement, even the least enthusiastic layman will admit.

Under the long low roofs of the two chief buildings of the hospital are to be found the following all improved, somewhat crude and primitive, but be well equipped for practical work: an officer's dispensary; a dental surgeon's office; a laboratory; one long ward room for the soldiers; the officers' ward; an operating room; a sterilizing plant, small but very effective; and further away a kitchen where two cooks turn out such good food that one longs to be invalided for a while for the benefit of the good diet.

In various tents there are surgical supplies, comprising everything that may be needed for the soldier be he ill or wounded; nor has the necessity for ample reserve medical supplies been overlooked. Adjacent to the hospital in the Base Medical Supply Depot with its "issue room" and store tent, the latter of which is piled high with an abundance of all sorts of "Medical and Hospital Supplies," from medical and surgical dressing to tentage, field cooking outfit, and even extra "horse equipment" for men of the Hospital Corps who have to be mounted.

Judging from the visible stock there will be no cause for the country to complain that the medical department of the Army has failed to provide all of the necessary medical supplies and many of the luxuries for the sick and wounded soldiers.

The bookkeeping in connection [Continued on page 4]

The Store That's Always Busy

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